

Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

December 8, 2006

15 South 15th Avenue, Suite 103-A
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Members Present:

Manuel Modiano, M.D.

Greg Garcia, J.D.

Barbara Wuebbels, R.N.

Staff Present:

James Matthews

The telephonic meeting of the subcommittee on Hispanic participation in clinical trials was called to order at 1:20 pm by subcommittee chair Manuel Modiano. A quorum was present.

Deputy Director James Matthews explained that the peer reviews of proposal 07-200 recommended that while the subject matter under consideration was worthy, the proposal failed to meet the research objectives.

Commissioner Modiano recommended that any new research in this area focus on the provider patient interaction and that population based research is not necessary. He also concluded that the project should integrate clinical trial research because earlier research and experience has shown that when participants are treated equally and race is not an issue participation rates go up. Commissioner Wuebbels recommended that research be action based and move toward community participation. Commissioner Garcia urged that the researchers continue their efforts to reach out to Hispanic communities and that the research findings may have importance to all clinical trial researchers.

Commissioner Modiano moved that proposal 07-200 be denied and that Deputy Director Matthews draft a new request for proposals that specifically calls for translational research based proposals that move known research findings into practice. Proposals should address the issue of why health care providers enroll Hispanics in clinical trials at rates lower than the general population. Proposals should offer solutions, tools, and techniques that will enable providers to increase enrollment of Hispanics in clinical trials. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

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James Matthews

Deputy Director